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SUMMARY

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2. PRESIDENT MUSEVENI REMAINS COMMITTED TO TRYING TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE RWANDAN TRAGEDY. HE DENIES THAT HE IS SUPPLYING ARMS AND MATERIALS TO THE RPF. HE SAYS THAT HE SUPPORTS:

-- A TOTAL ARMS EMBARGO TO BOTH SIDES IN THE RWANDAN CONFLICT;

-- THE EXTENSION OF THE UNOMUR MANDATE TO COVER THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE UGANDAN-RWANDAN BORDER, PLUS A SMALL LENGTH OF THE UGANDAN-ZAIRE BORDER; AND

-- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AND THE INDISCRIMINATE KILLINGS OF RWANDAN CIVILIANS AND POLITICIANS.

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MUSEVENI BELIEVES THE CURRENT BLOODLETTING HAS RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF AN ENTIRE GENERATION OF TUTSI AND VIRTUALLY ALL OF RWANDA'S MODERATE HUTU OPPOSITION LEADERS. THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL THAT IS ULTIMATELY APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE RWANDAN MASSACRES MUST IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS. IF THE CULPRITS ARE NOT PUNISHED, MUSEVENI PREDICTS THAT THE CURRENT CYCLE OF VIOLENCE WILL BE VISITED UPON A NEW GENERATION OF RWANDANS IN THE FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

MUSEVENI WELCOMES A/S SHATTUCK'S VISIT

3. I MET WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI FOR ABOUT AN HOUR ON MAY 3 TO DISCUSS RWANDA AND SUDAN. (SUDAN IS COVERED IN SEPTEL.) I OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY REVIEWING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON RWANDA AT THE UN AND INFORMING MUSEVENI THAT HIS ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK AND AMBASSADOR DAVID RAWSON WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM DURING THEIR FORTHCOMING TRIP TO THE REGION. MUSEVENI SAID THAT HE WELCOMED THE SHATTUCK/RAWSON VISIT AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO

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DEMARCHÉ ON ARMS FLOWS TO RWANDA AND REFUGEES

4. AS THE CRISIS IN RWANDA CONTINUES, I TOLD
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MUSEVENI THAT WASHINGTON IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE FLOW OF ARMS TO BOTH SIDES IN THE CONFLICT
(REFTEL A) AND ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES AND
DISPLACED PERSONS BEING PROHIBITED FROM CROSSING
INTERNATIONAL BORDERS (REFTEL B). I URGED HIM TO DO
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STOP ANY SUSPECTED OR ILLEGAL
MOVEMENT OF ARMS FROM UGANDA TO RWANDA. EQUALLY, THE
UGANDAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS TRADITIONAL
RESPECT FOR REFUGEES AND NOT INTERFERE IN THE
MOVEMENT OF ANY RWANDAN REFUGEES INTO UGANDA.

UGANDA NOT SUPPORTING RPF MILITARILY

5. AFTER I HAD MADE MY PITCH, MUSEVENI IMMEDIATELY
REMINDS ME THAT THE UNOMUR FORCES WERE STILL
OPERATING ALONG THE UGANDAN SIDE OF THE BORDER AND
THAT HE WAS COOPERATING WITH THE UN IN STOPPING ANY
ILLEGAL ARMS MOVEMENTS ACROSS HIS FRONTIER. HE HAD
NOT CHANGED HIS POSITION SINCE APRIL 6, AND THE
UGANDAN MILITARY WAS NOT ARMING OR SUPPLYING THE
RPF. HE THEN ASKED HOW ARMS MIGHT GET FROM UGANDA TO

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RWANDA. I SAID I HAD NO PROOF BUT THAT THE LOGICAL
ROUTE MIGHT BE FROM UGANDA INTO ZAIRE AND THEN INTO

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RPF-HELD TERRITORY ALONG THE ZAIRE-RWANDA BORDER. IN THIS CRITICAL PERIOD, I URGED HIM TO MAKE SURE HE WAS DOING ALL HE COULD TO STOP ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

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MUSEVENI SUPPORTS ARMS EMBARGO

6. MUSEVENI LAUNCHED INTO A SOLIL
OQUY: RWANDA IS A
TRAGEDY FOR AFRICA; IT IS ALSO A TRAGEDY FOR THE UN
WHICH HAD ACTED WRONGLY IN THE OPENINGS DAYS OF THE
CRISIS BY TURNING ITS BACK AND ATTEMPTING TO WALK
AWAY. AS A NEIGHBOR, HE COULD NOT RUN AWAY FROM THE
DISASTER THAT WAS ON HIS DOOR STEP. HE SAID THAT HE
REMAINED COMMITTED TO FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION
THAT INCLUDED A CEASEFIRE IN PLACE AND A RETURN TO
THE POWERSHARING ARRANGEMENTS ENVISAGED UNDER THE
ARUSHA ACCORDS. HE SAID THAT ON THE PREVIOUS DAY,
MAY 2, HE HAD SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH THE CHAIRMAN
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OF THE RPF PLEADING WITH HIM TO GO TO ARUSHA AND TO
TALK -- TALK TO WHOEVER SHOWED UP FROM THE GOR.

MILITARY SOLUTION NOT THE ANSWER

7. MUSEVENI SAID THAT THOUSANDS HAD BEEN KILLED, BUT
A MILITARY SOLUTION WAS NOT THE ANSWER. HE AGAIN
DENIED SUPPLYING THE RPF AND SAID THAT HE ADVOCATED:

-- A UN-IMPOSED ARMS EMBARGO ON WEAPONS TO BOTH THE
RPF AND THE GOR;

-- THE EXTENSION OF THE UNOMUR MANDATE TO COVER NOT
ONLY THE UGANDA-RWANDA BORDER BUT ALSO THE AREA ALONG
THE RWANDA-ZAIRE-UGANDA BORDER AREA. (HE SAID THE UN
SHOULD PREVENT THE ZAIRIANS FROM PUSHING WEAPONS INTO
RWANDA, WHICH HE ALLEGED MIGHT BE GOING ON.); AND

-- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO
LOOK INTO THE RWANDAN VIOLENCE. HE WAS NOT AVERSE TO
THE UN HUMANS RIGHTS COMMISSION, BUT INSISTED ON
IMPARTIAL AND QUALIFIED MEMBERS.

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G. ON THE LAST POINT, MUSEVENI SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION MUST DO A REAL JOB. IT MUST IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS AND CRIMINALS, AND THEY MUST BE PUNISHED. HE SAID "JUSTICE IS A SOURCE OF STABILITY. IF JUSTICE IS NOT DONE, THERE WILL BE NO STABILITY IN RWANDA." IF RWANDA'S PROBLEMS ARE
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PAPERED OVER WITH A THIN (I.E., NOT SUBSTANTIVE)
DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION, A NEW GENERATION OF RWANDANS
WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY SEEK REVENGE. MUSEVENI SAID
JUSTICE MUST BE DONE TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE.

GOU IS OPEN TO REFUGEES

9. MUSEVENI ALSO DENIED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS
PREVENTING REFUGEES FROM CROSSING INTO UGANDA. HE
NOTED UGANDA'S OPEN DOOR POLICY FOR SUDANESE, ZAIRIAN
AND RWANDAN REFUGEES, AND SAID THERE WAS NO CHANGE
OCCURRING IN THIS AREA.

A UN FORCE

10. I ASKED MUSEVENI WHETHER HE STILL SUPPORTED THE
AUGMENTATION OF THE UN FORCE IN RWANDA. HE SAID THAT
HE CONTINUED TO THINK A UN FORCE TO MONITOR AND STOP
THE VIOLENCE WAS NECESSARY. AND HE REPEATED HIS VIEW

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THAT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SUCH AS UGANDA AND
TANZANIA SHOULD -- IF ACCEPTED -- HAVE SOME FORCES

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INCLUDED IN THE MAIN BODY OF THAT FORCE. RWANDA WAS
A PROBLEM FOR BOTH TANZANIA AND UGANDA AND THEY
SHOULD HELP TO RESOLVE IT UNDER UN AND OAU AUSPICES.
BUT MUSEVENI CLOSED THIS PORTION OF THE CONVERSATION
ON A SOMBER NOTE. IF THE BLOODLETTING DOES NOT STOP
SOON, THE LEVEL OF PYSCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE DONE TO THE
RWANDANS WHO HAVE SURVIVED MAY BE IRREPARABLE FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME. I AGREED.

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